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South Arabia: The situation in South Arabia continues to deteriorate.

In Aden city, attacks on security forces have increased significantly since 14 October. There were 33 incidents during one week in October; one British civilian official was killed and a British serviceman was wounded.

Cairo radio is calling for acts of violence against the British until "the last soldier has left Aden," and a similar statement was made in a National Liberation Front (NLF) leaflet. Terrorism by the NLF presumably is intended to offset widespread accusations that the NLF is working with the British in order to secure preferential status in the new government.

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The question of future economic aid probably will be set aside until the political make-up of the new state is clarified.

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NOTES

Communist China - Burma: Peking has bowed to Burma's demand for the withdrawal of approximately 450 Chinese technicians. China's foreign aid program in Burma became a source of friction between the two governments last spring when Chinese technicians attempted to promote the Cultural Revolution among Overseas Chinese and Burmese workers. The Chinese statement of 31 October which announced the withdrawal accused the Ne Win regime of deliberately sabotaging relations with China and reaffirmed Peking's support for the Burmese Communists' "revolutionary struggle."

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USSR: Cosmos 186, the unmanned Soyuz-class satellite involved in the automatic rendezvous and docking operation on 30 October, was brought down in the USSR early on 31 October after a four-day flight. The other unmanned Soyuz vehicle, Cosmos 188, continues in orbit.

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*Uruguay: President Gestido has formed a new cabinet in which most factions of his divided Colorado Party--including the powerful Batlle sector--are represented. The majority of the ministers have indicated their support for the president's economic program and, despite the presence of some potential troublemakers, Gestido should be able to dominate the cabinet. The leaders of two key Colorado factions strongly disagree with the new economic policies, however. It is likely that at least one group will refuse legislative support, thus forcing Gestido to negotiate with the opposition Blanco Party for the necessary votes to get his program through Congress.

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